

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the FIGS. 1-4 with the enclosed "Replacement Sheets."

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2006. In the Office Action, all pending claims 1-27 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1 and 25 have been amended and the remaining claims are unchanged in the Application. Also, the specification and drawings have been amended for reasons provided below. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Claims 1 and 25 have been amended to include a direction of orientation of the probe light. The direction of orientation of the probe light toward an end (such as 106 of FIG. 4), of one of the first and second Kelvin connections, that couples to one of the first and second terminals of the battery was already clear in the original drawings and therefore the amendments to the specification, drawings and claims that add the longitudinal axis (reference numeral 35 in FIGS. 1-4) do not constitute new matter.

On Page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bertness (US 6,316,914) in view of Applicant's own admitted prior art (AAPA).

Amended claim 1 includes "a probe light configured to couple to at least one of the first and second Kelvin connections, the probe light having a longitudinal axis that is oriented generally toward an end, of one of the first and second Kelvin connections, that couples to one of the first and second terminals of the battery."

None of the cited references (primary references (Bertness and AAPA) and other references (Tinder, Cardan, Karram and Cockeran)), taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest the above-noted element of claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 is non-obvious and allowable over the cited art.

Independent claim 25 has elements similar to that of independent claim 1. Thus, for the same reasons as independent claim 1, Applicants submit that independent claim 25 is allowable as well. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that the dependent claims are also allowable by virtue of their dependency, either directly or indirectly, from the allowable independent claims. Further, the dependent claims set forth numerous elements not shown or suggested in the cited

references.

In view of the foregoing, and for reasons included in the response filed on January 6, 2006, the first Response After Final filed on May 5, 2006, and the second Response After Final filed on June 6, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-27. Favorable action upon all claims is solicited.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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